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SUBJECT: AMERICAN CITIZENS MISSING OR DETAINED IN PDRY

(ADEN) (A) VINCENT F. TORHAN (B) ROBERT A. KOPP

REF: (A) LONDON 15970 DECEMBER 6, 1974

(B) STATE 156588 JULY 19, 1974

(C) GENEVA 6643 OCTOBER 31, 1974

LONDON FOR LAMBRAKIS

CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST

1. EMBASSY LONDON REQUESTED SEEK CURRENT STATUS REPORT
FROM BRITISH EMBASSY ADEN CONCERNING WELFARE WHEREABOUTS
(A) VINCENT F. TORHAN AND (B) ROBERT A. KOPP.

2. REFTTEL (A) REPORTED THAT IN EARLY DECEMBER UK FOREIGN
OFFICE HAD FORWARDED TO ADEN FUNDS RECEIVED FROM TORHAN'S
MOTHER. THIS HAD BEEN ARRANGED FOLLOWING RECEIPT BY UK
IN NOVEMBER REPORTING THAT PRBASSY ADEN OF A LETTER DATED
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IN NOVEMBER REPORTING THAT BRITISH OFFICER HAD INTERVIEWED

TORHAN. LETTER CONTINUED THAT PDRY AUTHORITIES ARE CONVINCED TORHAN IS A SPY AND THAT TORHAN HAD "CONFESSED" TO THIS FACT IN MAY 1974 DURING INTERROGATION. PROBABLY DUE TO LACK OF INFORMATION, NO REAL DETAILS PROVIDED ON BACKGROUND OF SPY CHARGES OR ON CIRCUMSTANCES OF "CONFESSION". TRIAL WAS EXPECTED TO BEGIN "SOON". LAST JULY, WHEN SPEAK-

ING TO U.S. CONGRESSMAN FINDLEY, PDRY REPRESENTATIVE TO UN ABDULLAH AS-AHTAL INDICATED THAT HE WOULD FACILITATE COMMUNICATION BY TORHAN WITH HIS FAMILY (REFTEL B).

3. REF (C) REPORTED ON ICRC DELEGATE'S VISIT TO ADEN LAST OCTOBER INDICATING THAT KOPP PERHAPS BEING DETAINED BY POLITICAL POLICE. APPARENTLY AS RESULT LETTER FROM MISS P. Y. TOMBET OF CENTRAL TRACING AGENCY OF INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS GENEVA, THE AMERICAN RED CROSS HAS WRITTEN KOPP'S MOTHER LETTER TELLING HER THAT KOPP IS BEING DETAINED IN PDRY.

4. IN ADDITION TO PROVIDING WHATEVER INFORMATION AVAILABLE CONCERNING SUBJECTS' WELFARE, DEPARTMENT SPECIFICALLY

WANTS TO KNOW

(A) HAS TORHAN TRIAL YET BEGUN AND IF "YES" WHAT IS OUTLOOK.

(B) ARE ANY MORE FUNDS NEEDED?

(C) CAN HE RECEIVE OR SEND MAIL? VIA BRITISH EMBASSY ADEN OR SOME OTHER CHANNEL?

(D) RE KOPP, HAS UK EMBASSY ADEN RECEIVED LETTERS SENT BY HIS MOTHER AND IS IT HOLDING THEM?

(E) DOES UK EMBASSY HAVE ANY SUGGESTION OR ADVICE ON WHAT FURTHER STEPS MIGHT BE INITIATED. WOULD INFORMAL APPROACH TO PDRY DELEGATE IN UN BE TIMELY? KISSINGER

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